



Module Specification

Dissertation in Research Methods in Psychology

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Dissertation in Research Methods in Psychology

Module code: USPJEX-60-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 60

ECTS credit rating: 30

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Psychology

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: Specialist area of study within psychology selected by the student with the advice of a supervisor.

Research methods advice appropriate to the selected area of study.

Research communication principles.

Programme of research seminars and invited external speakers.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Each student will be allocated a dissertation supervisor. Supervision will be on an individual basis and there will also be small group meetings as appropriate. A programme of regular supervision sessions (minimum of eight) will be planned with each student who will be encouraged to prepare work for discussion at each meeting. Once the research question and protocol are established a research timetable will be agreed with each student.

A programme of research support workshops will be offered in particular research approaches, data analysis and research communication, as appropriate.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Carry out a critical literature review in a chosen area of psychology.

MO2 Identify and locate a research question within that area. Select and defend a quantitative approach to the research question.

MO3 Design a research protocol.

MO4 Plan and execute a piece of independent research.

MO5 Quantitatively analyse and interpret the data collected and defend both the analysis and interpretation.

MO6 Critically locate the research findings against published work.

MO7 Produce a written report of the research demonstrating an indepth understanding of the chosen area of study.

Hours to be allocated: 600

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 600 hours

Total = 600

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: There is one summative assessment tasks for this module; the Masters Dissertation.

Assessment. Task 1: Masters dissertation assessed by dissertation – (15,000 words).

Assessment tasks:**Dissertation (First Sit)**

Description: Masters dissertation assessed by dissertation – (15,000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

Dissertation (Resit)

Description: Masters dissertation assessed by dissertation – (15,000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: